

South Carolina Ore versus Libby Ore

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UC has discovered an error in their calculation of the ratio of fibers in Libby ore versus South Carolina ore. Some duplicate data were included in the original determination that the ratio was 10:1 between Libby and South Carolina. The recalculated value after removal of the duplicates is 8.7:1.

In addition, Region 8 has located a sample of ore from the Grace Enoree, South Carolina, mine and will have it analyzed with the fluidized bed procedure as described in Appendix C. This results will provide more direct data to determine the fiber ratios between the ore samples.

We think it prudent to wait until we get the results from the South Carolina ore and then decide what ratio to use in the JEM and the cumulative exposure calculations.

We will keep you informed on the progress.